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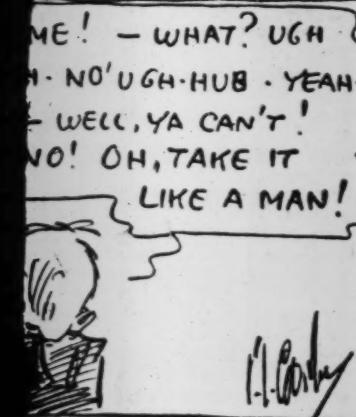
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## BOOTH FISHERIES BOARD CHAIRMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Knowlton Ames Sr., former Publisher of Chicago Journal of Commerce, Shoots Self to Death.

### BUSINESS WORRIES SAID TO BE CAUSE

He Had Been Near Nervous Breakdown for Some Time; Had Not Been Able to Sleep for Week.



## ADMINISTRATION SHELVING MELLON FOR OGDEN MILLS

Willingness of President to Leave Aged Secretary Out of Credit Corporation Marks Decline.

Post-Dispatch Bureau, 201-202 Kellogg Bldg., WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Recent happenings in connection with the pending administration bill to create a \$500,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation direct attention to a development that Washington has been watching with keen interest ever since the Hoover administration took office.

This is the gradual elimination of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon as an active force in the administration. His was a name in the boom time to go along with, and the Coolidge administration made the most of his prestige. From then on the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which is studying the Hoover reconstruction bill, will encounter no objection from the President if it eliminates Mellon from the directorate of the proposed corporation.

As the bill stands, the directors would be the Secretary of the Treasury, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board (Eugene Meyer), the Farm Loan Commissioner and other persons appointed by the President. The present disposition of the Senate Committee is to provide for a directorate composed of two Republicans, two Democrats and a representative of the Treasury. If this

## DIALS PHONE WITH TONGUE AFTER ROBBERS THE HIM UP

ALBANY, N. Y., Bank Teller Gets Word to Police of \$4200

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A bank teller, bound head and foot, dialed a telephone number with his tongue early today and let the outside world know he had been held up and the bank robbed of \$4200.

John Hand, 23 years old, was leaving the Albany Morris Plan Bank just before midnight after working over accounts. At the door two men forced him back inside and bound him. The safe Hand was then bound tightly with wire and left lying on the floor. The robbers took his keys, \$4200 from the safe and fled, locking the front door behind them. An hour and a half later Hand succeeded in jarring a telephone receiver from its hook. Using his tongue, he dialed numbers at random until finally he heard an answer in the dangling receiver. The response came from E. Corning Davis Jr., an insurance man, who was awakened by the ringing of his telephone. "Call the police," cried Hand. "The bank has been robbed."

Two sons, Knowlton L. Jr., president and publisher of the Chicago Daily Post, and John D. publisher of the Chicago Tribune, arrived at the hospital early after their father's death. A daughter, Rosemary, is on the scene in London and the youngest son, Eddie Anne, 5, accompanied his mother to Florida.

Ames was publisher of the Journal of Commerce until a few years ago when he gave the paper to his two sons. Knowlton Jr. purchased the Chicago Post for \$132,000 at a previous sale last February, and then John D. has been in charge of the Journal of Commerce.

During his stay at Princeton, Ames was an outstanding football star. Ames earned the nickname of "Snake." He was one of the greatest football players of his day.

He became president of Booth Fisheries, with plants in Canada and America, in 1909, and held that office until last October, when he became chairman of the board. Until his death he was associated with a large brokerage firm bearing his name, and was chairman of the board of finances of the Murray Corporation of America, with headquarters at Detroit.

## KILAUEA VOLCANO IN HAWAII ERUPTS; 50 LAVA FOUNTAINS

Streams of Molten Rock Rise 150 Feet From Floor of Crater.

By the Associated Press.

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Dec. 24.—A huge volume of flowing into Halemaumau Crater, Kilauea, in a new eruption started late yesterday as an earthquake had covered the 48 acres of the floor of the pit early today.

Approximately 50 lava fountains sent up a glow visible from half the island of Hawaii.

Sulphur fumes kept hundreds of spectators away from the rim of the crater, the usual vantage point for the thousands of tourists who visit the volcano annually.

The trail across the lava desert stretching the three miles from the volcano to the crater, Halemaumau was safe, however, and hundreds of persons went as close to the crater as possible. It was stated that every automobile on the island was either at the volcano or headed that way.

The tremor which shook the island yesterday was the most severe in years and the eruption was described by observers as the most violent since 1924. Sulphur fumes hung over the crater like a huge hood.

2000-Mile Fur Trading Flight.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 24.—"Dad" Simon, veteran fur-trader, took off in a plane with Bill Bruchat at the controls last night on a 2000-mile fur trading flight. Lao du Brochet and other men in the fur country will be touched in the trip which formerly required 36 days. This year Simon expects to collect his furs, travel around by Churchill, take the car to Winnipeg, and be back home with his family in time for the New Year's dinner.

## No Publication Tomorrow

The Post-Dispatch will not publish tomorrow, Friday, Christmas Day.

In the event only of receipt of news of extraordinary importance, demanding immediate publication, an extra will be issued.

## DENTIST ACQUITTED OF KILLING WOMAN IN AUTO AT RENO

Jury Accepts Dr. Andre's Story of Accident, Rejects Charge Victim Was Shoved From Car.

### VERDICT CHEERED BY SPECTATORS

Man Testified He Was Engaged to Mrs. Martha Hutchinson Month Before He Left His Wife.

By the Associated Press.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.—Dr. Carl Pierre Andre, young West Virginian dentist, was acquitted by a jury today of the charge of killing his former fiancee, Mrs. Martha Hutchinson.

The jury was out one hour and 15 minutes. The verdict was reached after several ballots, principally to decide whether Dr. Andre was guilty of involuntary manslaughter. The decision was greeted by cheers from spectators.

"This is the best Christmas present I ever had," said Dr. Andre. He immediately wired news to his mother, who is ill in bed at Fairmont, W. Va.

Mrs. Hutchinson, a widow, 21 years old, was killed the night of Sept. 13 in a fall from Dr. Andre's speeding automobile on the outskirts of Reno. It was charged that Dr. Andre either shoved her out of the car or caused her to fall by reckless driving.

The defense argued that the death came through a simple accident.

The verdict followed eight days of testimony which involved almost everything that might be in a trial.

DR. ANDRE AND MRS. HUTCHINSON first met in Fairmont, W. Va., where the State charged, carried on a clandestine affair in the dentist's office. Dr. Andre came to Reno last June, Mrs. Hutchinson following in August, only to find that another woman had come between them, it was charged.

"From that time forward," said Assistant District Attorney A. J. Johnson in his closing argument last night, "Martha Hutchinson became the cast-off sweetheart, riding in the rumble seat while the Doctor's new girl rode with him in front."

Dr. Andre testified he and Mrs. Hutchinson were engaged to be married a month before he separated from his wife and had him come to Reno to obtain a divorce.

Several women who had attended all of the court sessions rushed forward to congratulate the dentist after he had been acquitted, but his father, Dr. Emanuel Andre, a dentist of Charleston, W. Va., pushed him first and threw his arms around his son, said District Attorney Melvin Jepson.

The third robber, said by Hawkins and Pieros to be Roy French, 17, of Mount Carmel, escaped. The three youths drove up to the bank about noon and while Hawkins remained in the wreckage and with him was the money. His two companions fled from the car and ran. A youth who said he was Leo Pieros, 19, of Mount Carmel, was captured, a short distance away after members of a posse fired several shots at him.

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The three youths drove up to the bank about noon and while Hawkins remained in the wreckage, the other two entered the bank in which Herbert McClain, assistant cashier, was alone. One of the robbers threatened him with a pistol, while the other also seized took about \$1,000 in currency and coin. The pair then ran from the building to the waiting taxi.

Within a minute after the trio left a posse was in pursuit, and one of the shots from the possemen hit Hawkins as the robbers were leaving the town, but the youth continued to drive the car until it overturned.

Transportation difficulties are reported from many districts in Middle Europe, where the snow has been particularly heavy. All over Scandinavia and Germany winter sportsmen rejoice over the snow and in Cologne there have been 17 serious tobogganing accidents. The smaller German lakes and rivers are frozen. Snow falls in France and Spain. Portugal is suffering from the coldest spell in years.

England is about the only country without prospect for a white Christmas. The best Christmas present Londoners could receive would be a glimpse of the sun, which has been hiding for 14 days.

The classic "violet haze" of Greece has been lost in driving snowstorms, more than three feet of snow having fallen in some places.

### LEAVES MILLION TO FRIENDS

Chicago Man Remembers Those Who Welcomed Him When Poor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The friends who welcomed him into their homes and cared for him when he was a penniless young man just arrived in Chicago during Civil War days and their children will benefit from the \$1,000,000 estate of the late George Coombs, 56, who died last Dec. 5.

Coombs, a real estate broker, specified in his will, filed yesterday for probate, that so far as he knew he had no near relatives and that if he did, they should not receive any of his estate. He divided his estate into 100 equal parts, distributed among 23 persons. Coombs came here from England.

## EXPERTS' DEBT REPORT FORECASTS END OF YOUNG PLAN; MAC DONALD WANTS POWERS TO ACT AT ONCE

### SMOKE LAST WEEK LEFT SHAW'S GARDEN GREATLY DAMAGED

Orchids Lost Both Flowers  
and Buds and Poinsettias Were  
Ruined.

The staff of Shaw's Garden after

week of emergency repair, mostly to add to stock of the lower down leafy weeds and pail,

which devastated the Orchids.

Show destroyed the orchid flowers

and blighted leaves of every

variety of plant in every green-

house.

Smoke damage, said Superin-

tendent Pring, was the worst since

the ruinous "Black Christmas" of

1927, which was appraised more

costly to the garden than the tor-

nado of the previous September.

Every dense smoke, he remarked,

costs the garden hundreds of dol-

lars, and, were it possible to place

the blame on the smokers and

visitors of displays, the less would

run to thousands of dollars.

Within eight hours on Thursday

of last week every Cattleya orchid

in the garden had lost both flowers

and buds. The proud poinsettias

of the Christmas show stood shorn

of their crimson bracts. Begonias,

crotons and the thousands of tropi-

cal bedding plants, growing for the

summer outdoor displays, began to

shed leaves like maple trees in au-

umn. By Monday, even the tank

plants, with Pring described

as among the toughest in the gar-

den, began to show effects he said,

they would require two years to

outgrow. Today the slipper orchids

began to show damage, and Pring

expected other further effects to

show up for days to come.

Director Moore arranged a

graphic exhibition of just what

smoke does to plants, which will

open to the public Saturday in the

Floral Display House, since the gar-

den is closed tomorrow. Ruined

plants were replaced by fresh and

lovely plants from the nursery

served at Gray Summit, where the

garden obtained its 1600-acre ex-

ension several years ago to check-

mate just such disasters as this.

WOMAN MISSIONARY SEIZED  
BY BANDITS IN NAVY SUITS

American With Companions Take Off Launch, Carried Into Hills

by Chinese Brigands.

FOOCHOW, China, Dec. 24.—Harriet Halverstadt of Wellington, Kan., a missionary stationed 50 miles south of Foochow, was captured by bandits late today en route to Foochow.

Miss Halverstadt and 10 Chinese

were proceeding aboard a launch

in the canal when Guerrillas wear-

ing Chinese Navy uniforms and

carrying pistols fired on the boat.

The brigands went aboard and car-

ried off the American woman and

her companions into the nearby hills.

The American Consul demanded

that Chinese officials under-



# EUROPE MUST END REPARATIONS, CUT ARMS, SAYS BORAH

Otherwise, He Declares, U. S. Must "Come Out and Stay Out" of Foreign Problems.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A demand that the United States must "come out of Europe and stay out" unless European countries put a stop to reparations and "drastically cut" armaments was issued today by Chairman Borah of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "I can see no recovery in Europe," he said, "until reparations are cut out, eliminated, in their entirety."

"For 12 years conferences have been held, readjustments made, but none have brought relief. The downward movement economically has been almost constant."

"For 12 years we have been told that this plan, or that plan, assured recovery, all based upon some temporary expediency with reference to reparations, but no 'recovery came.'

If Europe cannot see her way clear to end reparations and drastically cut armaments, the United States had better come out of Europe and stay out.

"It will cost us something to come out, but it will bankrupt us to stay in. Since 1915, in one way and another, we have put close to \$45,000,000,000 in Europe. It has not ended the economic crisis in Europe, and it has brought an economic crisis to the United States."

"There is a limit to the help which they may be extended to others when they pursue policies and hold programs which make help vain and ineffectual."

"It is believed that France is entitled to her unconditional payment to cover her damages; the answer is that Germany had paid in different ways on reparations some \$9,500,000,000. Fifty-two per cent of this has gone to France. This gives her an amount equal to, if not greater than, her damages, according to her own estimates."

Questioned about his phrase "drastically cut armaments," Borah indicated he meant a 30 or 40 per cent reduction.

Everything but debt revision, greeted the report with the assertion that the nation's debtors are amply able to pay without reference to reparations.

# CHRISTMAS TO BE GENERAL HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT CITY

Business Will Be Suspended  
—Post Office Closed—  
Special Services in Some Churches.

CAROLERS TO SING IN STREETS TONIGHT  
Annual Post-Dispatch Festival to Be Given at Coliseum Tomorrow—Diners for the Needy.

Christmas will be observed tomorrow as a general holiday, with business suspended and special services in most churches.

Holly wreaths are being hung today in the windows of houses and evergreen trees are being decorated with trinkets. Christmas decorations are made for the celebration. Many are planning to bring cheer to their households—more numerous this year than formerly.

Special services will be held in Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal churches. Most Protestant churches of other denominations held Christmas programs last Sunday and still hold services tomorrow. A Christmas service will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, Taylor avenue, and Westminster place, at 11 o'clock. Midnight mass will not be celebrated in Catholic churches, but masses will be said throughout the forenoon beginning in most instances, at 5 o'clock.

Archbishop Glavinon will celebrate a solemn high mass at the New Cathedral at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Robert S. Johnston, S. J., president of St. Louis University, will preach the sermon.

Midnight communion service will be held at Christ Church Cathedral beginning at 11:30 o'clock tonight with Bishop Scarlet and Sweet participating.

No White Christmas Likely.

Weather indications hold no prospect of a white Christmas. The forecast is that the day will be fair and mild.

Carols appeared again today at public gathering places, singing Christmas hymns and seeking contributions for the child charities maintained by the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association. Tonight in about 400 groups they will go through the residential districts of the city and county, pausing to sing wherever they are welcomed by a bright window.

Mail will not be delivered tomorrow and the main postoffice and all stations will be closed. There will be one collection made, beginning at 4 p.m.

About 7,000 patients at city institutions will celebrate the day with entertainments and special dinners. Gifts of tobacco, fruit and candy are to be distributed. Patients at City Hospital No. 1 will have turkey dinners, made possible by the gift of 1200 pounds of turkey by Jim Kearney, betting commission.

Children will be the principal guests at other city institutions under the hospital department. Ham will be served at the City Jail and pork at the Workhouse. At the Bureau for Homeless Men, which shelters about 1,500, there will be roast lamb. Pipes and tobacco will be presented to the men.

Festival at the Coliseum.

More than 10,000 children from the poorer districts are expected to attend the annual festival tomorrow morning at the Coliseum sponsored by the Post-Dispatch. Baskets of food are to be distributed to 6,000 needy families.

For those who attend the festival, the Coliseum starting at 10 o'clock, there will be between 40,000 and 50,000 presents of dolls, books and toys. Every child will receive a winter cap. Tickets of admission to the festival have been distributed through schools and playgrounds.

Free Christmas dinner will be served at Mr. Timothy Dempsey's hall, 1307 North Seventh street, where about 2,000 men have been fed daily.

The Salvation Army distributed Christmas baskets of food today at the Armory, Grand boulevard and Market street. A special religious service will be conducted at No. 1 Corps, 4155 Manchester avenue, by Mrs. and Mrs. Victor Lundgren and the divisional staff officers tomorrow at 6 a.m. Another service will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Negro families in the neighborhood of Goodwill Industries, Inc., 126 North Thirteenth street, were guests of that organization at a party today. Food and toys were distributed.

Gift Service at Church.

A gift service was held last night at Third Baptist Church, Grand and Washington boulevards, those attending depositing gifts in boxes at the rear of the church. These gifts will be distributed among those whose names have been gathered by a special committee of the church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Purcell, and three sons, Ashley L. James, John and John L. Kickham. The funeral will be conducted at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the Church of the Holy Family, 4129 Humphrey street. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

The Nineteenth Ward Republican Club is distributing 422 Christmas baskets today among needy families, while yesterday the Fifteenth Ward Republican Club delivered baskets to 56.

Several truck loads of toys have been gathered by the Shriners for presentation tomorrow in orphanages of St. Louis and the county.

# Scrubwoman's Lonely Adventure Afloat On the Mississippi, New Orleans Bound



The Board of Religious Organizations has completed its distribution of toys reconditioned by city firemen and others.

## Party for Blind Girls.

A party at the Blind Girls' Home, 5232 Page boulevard, was arranged for this afternoon by members of the Junior Board of the home.

Toys, food and clothing will be given tomorrow to boys and girls at the Children's Home, Society of Mary, 1200 Marquette and Northwest avenues, by members of Perfection Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Carol singers from St. Joseph's Academy visited St. Francis Home, a school for Negro children, in Normandy yesterday, bringing gifts.

Children of Hamilton School, 5851 Westminster place, instead of their usual Christmas party, distributed 138 baskets of food. Webster Groves school children, members of the Junior Red Cross, today are collecting food and clothing for distribution by the Red Cross.

Webster Groves Lions Club yesterday entertained 500 children from the orphanage of the Sisters of Mercy, Epworth School for Girls and Protestant Orphans' Home. The older children saw a motion picture show at the Ozark Theater, while the younger ones were entertained at a party at the Masonic Home. Gifts were distributed.

A party for 100 Negro children was given by the club today at Douglas School.

The Gardenville Parent-Teacher Association has collected toys for distribution among needy children that did not receive gifts this year. Toys are to be distributed also to children of the Clinton School.

About 1200 pupils of open air and special public schools have received presents from the St. Louis Public Schools' Patrons' Alliance. Each boy received a helmet cap, gloves, a horn, a harmonica, a box of writing equipment, a nursery rhyme book and a box of candy. The girls got caps, dolls, books, mittens, pencil boxes, oranges and candy.

The annual candlelight service will be held tonight at St. Luke's with Bishop Scarlett participating.

Passengers on Missouri Pacific Railroad trains tomorrow will be greeted by Santa Claus, bearing a bag containing toys, candy and fruit for children and greeting cards for adults.

A Christmas play, "The Unhappy Princess," written by Mrs. A. E. Garlton of St. Louis, will be presented at City Art Museum in Forest Park Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, taking the place of the children's story hour. The museum, Shaw's Garden and Jefferson Memorial will be closed tomorrow.

Mrs. Mary E. Kickham, 72, POLITICAL WORKER HERE, DIES

Mrs. Mary E. Kickham, Democratic City Committeewoman from the Thirteenth Ward, during the 1928 presidential campaign, died yesterday of heart disease suffered more than a year ago when she was knocked down by an automobile which did not stop.

Mrs. Kickham, who was 72 years old, resided at 1137 Junius street. She was an advocate of equal suffrage for 40 years. She taught in St. Louis public schools from 1882 to 1890, resigning to marry Lawrence F. Kickham, a former Deputy Sheriff, who died about 30 years ago.

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# VICTIM'S FATHER RAKES BECK FOR PAROLING SEYLER

\$5000 COLLECTION FOR ZOOS DESTROYED BY FIRE ON SHIP  
Monkeys, Birds and Other Creatures Killed on Way from Brazil to U. S.  
By the Associated Press.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—Monkeys, tropical birds and other creatures valued at \$5000 were destroyed by fire and smoke aboard the steamship Mondo on the way from Bahia, Brazil, to New York, when the ship docked.

These included 40 ring-tail monkeys, five apes, 400 parrots, 20 macaws and an assortment of parakeets, cardinals, canaries, love birds and other feathered creatures.

The fire occurred on Dec. 3 in the hold where the animals were stowed, traveling from their jungle homes to menageries of the United States. The collection was owned by Soicates Zachariades, a passenger on the ship.

Witnesses said that the automobile appeared to be a black Ford sedan, with two persons besides the driver, and that it sped away after striking the boy.

The injured youth died at Christian Welfare Hospital at 9 o'clock last night, about three and a half hours after the accident, of a fractured skull and fractured leg.

Henry Mudd, 69 years old, 1914 College avenue, East St. Louis, was injured at the same street corner, Eighteenth and State streets, an hour after the Morris boy was struck. The driver of the car was Charles Heron, 628 North Seventy-eighth street.

**HUGH S. GIBSON CHOSEN DELEGATE TO ARMS PARLEY**

Continued From Page One.

**DENVER SCHOOL GIRL FOUND DISCOVERED IN LODGING HOUSE; YOUTH ARRESTED.**

By the Associated Press.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—Maureen Hollenbeck, high-school girl who disappeared from her home Tuesday on going to mail Christmas cards, was found by police today in a Denver rooming house. Maureen Groff, 21, was arrested and held pending investigation of the case.

There was no trial because Seyler pleaded guilty.

The accident occurred the night of March 21 in a safety zone at Grand boulevard and Easton avenue. Police quoted Seyler as having admitted he had had several drinks of beer a short time previously. Arnold, his wife and daughter, Frances Maxine, were in the room when the child was killed and Arnold suffered injuries to the neck, left arm and left leg, becoming unconscious in a hospital for three hours, he said. His wife, who is 27, suffered a nervous breakdown after the accident, he declared, and developed tuberculosis and her physician says she cannot recover. Mrs. Arnold has been in City Hospital since Dec. 4, he added.

**Loses His Job.**

Moving from 1936A Franklin avenue to 1216 Robin street, Venice, last April, Arnold bought a confectionery for \$150, but he could not make any money and turned it over to a friend to rent. Unable to do heavy work because of his injuries, he lost his job as a freight handler at \$21.60 a week, and the doctor tells him only time can heal him. Arnold collects \$12 a month from the Government for disability suffered as a World War soldier.

"This has been a terrible year for us," said Mrs. Seyler today, "but with my husband home I think we will have a joyful Christmas. I have been ill through this trouble and one of our children has been ill for about a year; we have had nothing but trouble."

Arnold said a relief bill for \$3000 for his injuries and his daughter's funeral had been introduced in the Board of Aldermen last September but that nothing had been done about it. He collected \$700 insurance on his daughter's life and borrowed \$240 on his war insurance, he stated.

**A Memory of Norway.**

"Don't you get awfully lonely?" "Lonely, no. I always was alone and I'm used to it now." The tone of voice belied her words and there was a wistfulness in her next answer: "In Norway where I was born on a farm, we had a lake and we fished every day. An inland lake. A little lake, 14 miles long and 2½ wide. So ever since I was little I have known how to row."

"Yes, I have lots of brothers and sisters. Up in Minnesota. But I have not seen them since I left for Superior 15 years ago. And I have not heard from them."

By this time Randi had finished lunch and was ready to continue her journey. She bailed out the boat, leaning over that part of the muddy gunwale which bore the vessel's name, "Viking," chalked in crude letters.

"How far? Sometimes 20 miles a day. Sometimes 25. Sometimes five. If I want to, sometimes I tie up all day, if it's bad weather or something."

"You are planning to go to the ocean?" she replied.

"Then you will go past New Orleans," she was asked. "I go to the ocean," she replied.

"But you will be here?" she said. "On the ocean I just want to go fishing. I can fish and trade them for little articles I need. If I catch a fish, I can trade it for something."

"Then you will be here?" she said. "I don't believe I need anything."

"But you are going to do something?" Randi knocked the crusty mud off an ear-handle before replying. "Just row down the river a little."

"You see, I've got poor health—the back ache and it doesn't get any better. So I have saved some money and I thought I would go by boat because it was cheaper. But it isn't cheaper because it takes so much longer."

**The Voyager's Outfit.**

Beside Randi on the rear seat of her vessel, which is of a type known along the river as a Johnboat, was a rusty wood stove. On top of the stove was a griddle saucerman, from which she drank from time to time as she answered questions with patient reluctance. Her feet were almost shapeless in rubbers and several pairs of wet, muddy woolen stockings. Her hands were bare, but there was a pair of leather mittens lying in front of her on a bundle. Her coat, held together by safety-pins, is of

# YOUTH FATALLY HURT, DRIVER FAILS TO STOP

Charles Morris, 16, Is Struck by Auto Near His Home in East St. Louis.

Charles Morris, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Morris, 1751A State street, East St. Louis, was injured fatally last evening when he was struck by an automobile near his home. The driver of the machine did not stop.

Witnesses said that the automobile appeared to be a black Ford sedan, with two persons besides the driver, and that it sped away after striking the boy.

The injured youth died at Christian Welfare Hospital at 9 o'clock last night, about three and a half hours after the accident, of a fractured skull and fractured leg.

Henry Mudd, 69 years old, 1914 Morgan street, where he had seen no funds, food or Solven.

Solven, who is occupying an apartment at Amity, said today she did not see how there could be a dinner since she had seen no

funds, food or Solven.

All is not amicable at Amity.

Domestic affairs have so affected the activities of Joshua P. Solven, founder of the institution at 918 Morgan street, where 25 cents will buy a night's lodging and breakfast, that there is a difference of opinion concerning the annual free Christmas dinner.

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## THE POST-DISPATCH PLATFORM

I know that my retirement will make no difference in its cardinal principles; it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news; always be drastically independent; never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy, or predatory poverty.

JOSEPH PULITZER

April 10, 1907.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

## A Word of Reassurance.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
I BEG you to permit me to publish a word of reassurance at this time of general despair.

The troubles and doubts which now control us are not ominous than those which perplexed our fathers and grandfathers. The country has passed through many similar crises, yet year by year it has become richer. Men were in despair in 1824, 1833, 1859, 1878, 1897, 1909 and 1921. Yet 1929 was preceded by a period of exuberant and extravagant prosperity called the "new era."

In 1928 men thought nothing could disturb their felicity. They were wrong, as we now know. We are wrong now, as they will discover hereafter. The needs of the hour are courage to endure, less public extravagance, lower taxes, free trade and more liberty; and these obvious expedients are being thrust upon us by the inexorable stress of economic law.

What we call prosperity will return in two or three years. The despair of today is not less foolish than the delirium of 1928-29.

L. H. LIONBERGER.

If Ogden Were Boss.  
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
As boss of the job, if I had a guy like Hiram,  
I wouldn't give him a dirty look. I'd  
firmly

OGDEN NASH JR.

## Justice for the Worker.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
LAST IT IS pretty generally known, if not admitted, that our depression is the result of great concentration of wealth in the hands of the few. Those who feel the pain of an alibi may take particular pains to refer to it as a "world-wide" depression, but that need fool no one. If the congestion of wealth were relieved, no doubt it would help world conditions also. Whether the trouble is the result of individual greed, just plain greed, unfaithful public servants, may be a debatable question. The machine can be made to benefit all. It can be made a blessing instead of a curse. Its proper use is not to reduce the number of workers or their incomes, but to employ more workers at reduced hours.

The unemployed worker is the man who is hurt worst. The employer who took his rightful profit plus a large share of the worker's earnings is the man who did the hurting. Right now the business of our lawmakers is to tax this ill-gotten wealth out of the hands of the greedy employer and put it into public improvements, so that the worker may benefit from the wronged worker. Even that will not be complete justice, for the worker will have had to earn his wages twice before he gets them. Besides, there is the suffering he has undergone.

DEMOCRACY.

## Street Signs on Curbs.

CONCERNING the last street signs at intersections. Wouldn't it be wise at this time to consider placing signs on curbs in a manner that house numbers should be shown? This, to my notion, is a far more convenient place, especially to a person driving, as street signs in their customary small type elevated on light standards cause a lot of craning of necks at intersections where it is more or less dangerous to take one's eyes off the road.

HERMAN G. LUDWIG.

## Ogden for Senator.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
YOUR recent editorial, "Congressman Cochran's Value," was a worthy tribute to Mr. Cochran, whose fearless and progressive leadership has stood the acid test of true democracy. The people know where he stands on all national issues, prohibition, the tariff and other policies. Never before has the Eleventh District been represented by a member with so clear an understanding of the wants of the plain people.

In the quest for a capable and worthy Senator, the people could not turn more hopefully to any citizen than to Mr. Cochran. The Democratic party is in need of such a leader who can promote harmony,温情, sentiment and action, singleness of purpose in the representation of great political principles and in the application of these principles to our common concerns. Mr. Cochran is a man of profound culture, a lawyer devoted to the substance and purpose of the law, a keen clear thinker, an orator of rare and simple eloquence, a patriot with the elements of a dreamer mortised into the practical character of a doer, and, in the sum of it all, an American with an understanding of America, its purposes and ideals, and a worthy leader for the party to which he belongs.

WILLIAM BAGGOT.

A Postal Service Complaint.  
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
THE Postoffice Department for several weeks has been requesting early mailing of packages, and yet last Saturday, when it might have given help in this regard, all branch offices were closed at noon. This made it necessary for patrons to go to the main postoffice, incurring carfare expenses which many could ill afford, and then endure a long wait at the main postoffice by reason of congestion there.

I realize postoffice employees want their holidays, but certainly an exception should be made the Saturday before Christmas.

W. S. M.

## AMERICA AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

The suspension of gold payments in Japan made another addition to the growing ranks of those countries which have, at least temporarily, abandoned the gold standard. Recently, suggestions have been made that even the United States, holding a large proportion of the monetary gold of the world, should give up the gold standard, and perhaps inaugurate a movement for the adoption of international bimetallism.

Such proposals recall the agitation for bimetallism at the close of the last century. This agitation had its origin in a steady downward movement of prices, which began in 1873, and with few interruptions continued until 1896. Trade was expanding rapidly, gold production declining and the many adoptions of the gold standard in the '70s had put an additional strain on the gold supplies of the world. Agreement among the leading nations to coin both gold and silver at some fixed ratio was strongly urged as a means of stopping, if not reversing, this downward movement of prices. This feeling was shared by many persons of conservative views, both in Europe and the United States, and even in the campaign of 1896 the Republican platform advocated international bimetallism, in contrast to Bryan's proposal that the United States adopt bimetallism, regardless of the action of other countries.

We have several times pointed out the virtues of the permit system for public utilities, and what has just happened in Detroit illustrates one of them. Had the competing bus system enjoyed a franchise, the City Council of Detroit would have been powerless to eliminate it; but the bus company operated on a day-to-day permit. It did business in Detroit upon sufferance, and when the city no longer needed or wanted it, the jig was up.

Let us contrast this method of dealing with the utilities to the old franchise method which has for 30 years crippled St. Louis, saddled exorbitant fares upon street car riders, pillaged investors, at times debauched politics, and at length brought transportation in the city to its present pitiful pass. We have a 10-cent fare. Both the company and the people are howling for relief, and there is no relief in sight for either. Detroit has a 6-cent fare. She needs relief, and all she has to do is to remove unnecessary duplication.

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No other American city has been so hard hit by the depression as the automobile manufacturing city of Detroit. Naturally, Detroit's misfortunes are shared by her municipal street railway system, which has endured staggering losses and for some time has been running behind.

Of all the great cities, Detroit alone finds herself free to apply a remedy to the transportation situation. She owns not only the street car lines, but has also a municipal bus line. The City Council has therefore ousted the privately owned bus line from the streets, reserving what was left of the transportation business of Detroit to the municipally owned bus and street car systems.

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## GAS MASKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Enterprising gas mask manufacturers in France are not waiting until the next war to market their wares. They are seizing time and nationalist suspensions by the forelock, and are exhibiting the latest models in stores along the border, with the persuasive inscription, "It will prove the best investment you ever made." And a lot of them are being sold. If gas masks sell readily in France, where their need is a remote possibility, they should go like hot cakes in St. Louis, where they are a virtual necessity on many of the winter days.

Think of poor father, gallantly entering the deadly smoke zone as he goes to work, wheezing along through the sulphuric acid fumes, with no gas mask to protect his life insurance company. Imagine mother, gulping down the sulphur dioxide as she goes to her bridge game, just because no Little Wonder box respirator salesmen has called with his array of samples. Everybody, from Junior to grandma, would be a live prospect for this household necessity. We could face the smoke clouds quite jauntily, although somewhat disguised, if some enterprising vendor would come along with goggles to shield our eyes, clips to close our nostrils, rubberized fabrics to drape over our faces, and mouthpieces connected with purifying chemicals to preserve our respiratory apparatus. Any St. Louisian would believe in Santa Claus furthermore if he found a gas mask in his stocking tomorrow morning.

## ATTENTION, INVENTORS!

A German inventor has invented an automatic card shuffler, which ruffles the cards and deposits them in four neat piles before the bridge dealer. Skeptical as we are about the invasion of the machine into modern life, bridge could stand a few more inventions.

One is a trump counter, which would indicate at all times just how many of the things have been played. Another is a displeasure indicator. This might be equipped with a pressure gauge. When the displeasure of a player reached the danger point, a whistle on the gauge would announce the beginning of a free-for-all. Self-emptying ash trays would be a help, as would self-filling long glasses. In fact, upon thinking it over, bridge is a field of activity shamefully neglected by inventive genius.

## CYCLING.

We are accustomed to think of cycling as a pastime that died with the mauve decade, yet in England and other countries it is still very much alive. Disputing as an understatement an estimate that 6,000,000 bicycles are in use in England today, the Manchester Guardian says:

A million machines were turned out last year, and at the bicycle is a thing which holds together and performs its functions with amazing tenacity, the accumulation of bicycles made during the last 10 or 15 years, to say nothing of older survivors still more or less in use, must be nearer 12,000,000 than 6,000,000.

Of course, motoring has ruined cycling in the United States by making it too dangerous; otherwise thousands would avail themselves of this delightful form of exercise and transportation. Scientists are warning us that our legs will become vestigial organs unless we use them more, so perhaps in the future cycling roads will be built, as bridge paths are now, to enable us to counteract the threat of a flabby-legged race.

In the meantime, it is wrong to speak of cycling as entirely dead in this country. Bicycles are greatly in demand by young boys, who test their skill and agility in the automobile-filled streets; by pugilists and other athletes, who find them excellent conditioners, and by stubborn gentlemen who, having acquired the habit in the '90s, simply refuse to give it up.

## TRANSIENT AMERICA.

Horace Greeley's famous advice was taken literally by the men who sit in the Senate. Biographical sketches in the new Congressional Directory reveal they went west in striking numbers. From Ohio alone four went out: Robinson to Indiana, Norris to Nebraska, Bulow to South Dakota and Dill to Washington. Lewis of Illinois and Costigan of Colorado were native Virginians: Cutting of New Mexico and Eddie of Nevada were New Yorkers. Wisconsin was not far enough west for Walsh of Montana or Nye of North Dakota, nor Texas western enough for Kendrick of Wyoming. Borah left Illinois for Idaho and Jones for Washington. McGill of Kansas and Shortridge of California were born in Iowa. Schall of Minnesota and Howell of Nebraska were natives of Michigan. From Mississippi Gore went to Oklahoma and Pitman to Nevada. Waterman of Colorado was born

in a world where mutual confidence was desperately needed and co-operative effort essential, we capitalized hate and fostered fear and suspicion. In a world whose accumulated resources had been largely dissipated, we began to see our international armaments assume a formidable share of all we could raise by taxation or borrowing. That may have been natural. Human nature has its limitations. The nations had passed through a veritable hell, and nerves were still raw and minds still weary. But, in any event, that was what we did.

TONIGHT I bring you greetings from millions of American men and women who, in one form of organization or another, have banded together to promote the peaceful settlement of international disputes. They are under no illusion as to the difficulty of the task. But at least they recognize the necessity. And, whatever other respects they may differ, they are united in the belief that until armaments can be brought under control, not by mere limitation, but by reduction to a level where they no longer threaten the peace and security of others, progress toward a more orderly and stable world will be largely impossible.

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## MR. DOAK'S IMMIGRATION PROPOSALS.

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TOO MUCH JOHNSON.

## Disarmament and Depression

Growing cost of government aggravates economic crisis, yet world still spends five billions annually for armaments; two-thirds of nations' taxes go to past and future wars; this waste plays important part in depression, and also fosters new conflicts; arms reduction would provide definite means of relief for a distressed civilization.

An Undelivered Address by Alanson B. Houghton, American ex-Ambassador to Germany and to Great Britain. (Reprinted From the Nation).

This is the address which Mr. Houghton went to Europe to deliver, at the meeting of peace societies at the Tocadero Palace, Paris. After he had spoken less than a dozen words, rioting instigated by French militarists broke out and ended the meeting. Mr. Houghton was unable to complete his address.

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## Owners of Foreign Bonds

From the New York Times.

In opposing the moratorium, Senator Johnson spoke again of an effort to safeguard "the securities held by private bankers." It seems to be his opinion that a comparatively small number of powerful financial interests own most of the foreign bonds, and that the moratorium raises an issue between this group and the American public.

In an article published in Foreign Affairs, certain facts which have a bearing upon the present discussion of public and private loans. With the aid of 24 investment houses which had co-operated with the banking firm of which he was then a member, he inquired into the distribution of five large foreign issues aggregating \$350,000,000. These were the German 7s of 1924 (the Dawes plan loan), the Austrian 7s of 1923, the Belgian 7s of 1925, the Argentine 6s of 1925 and the Japanese 6s of 1924.

Mr. Morrow found that a total of 104,713 people had purchased these bonds and that their average investment was \$3265. It was also ascertained that from 80 to 90 per cent of the number of sales in the case of each issue were made to investors whose purchases were limited to \$5000 or less, and that only from 8 to 5 per cent were made amounts over \$10,000. "It is clear," he concluded, "that in number the large investors were comparatively un



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**STORE MANAGER ROBBED OF \$1800 IN FRONT OF BANK**

Otto C. Muller, Kresge Employee, Was Preparing to Put Day's Receipts in Night Depository.

Otto C. Muller, manager of a Kresge chain store at 6194 Easton avenue, Wellston, was robbed of a package containing \$1800 in receipts from the store as he was preparing to put it in a night depository at the State Bank of Wellston, 6200 Easton avenue, last night.

Muller closed the store at 9:30 o'clock and walked to the bank. As he stepped in front of the depository, two men who had been standing nearby stepped up to him one drawing a revolver. They hurried him into a gangway at one side of the building, where they robbed him.

Although pedestrians were passing the entrance to the gangway, no one apparently observed the robbery. The holdup men escaped through an alley. Muller lives at 6005 Maple avenue.

**Completes Arms Concerns Sale.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Western Cartridge Co. has completed its purchase of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. The sales price as agreed to with the Bondholders Protective Committee, was \$8,100,000, which was paid in cash and preferred stock of the Western Cartridge Co. It is planned for the time being to keep the various units separated and operated as distinct organizations.

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### Indicted for Job-Selling Fraud



3 CITY EMPLOYEES LISTED AS OFFICERS OF SUSPECTED CLUB

Two Deny Signing Charter Petition; Third "Wrote Name, Didn't Examine Paper."

Three men listed as officers in the charter of the Seventeenth Ward Social & Welfare Association, 2846 Olive street, which police suspect is a gambling house, are city employees.

They are: George W. Hartman, marriage license clerk and Republican city committeeman from the Twenty-second Ward, named as secretary of the club; Sam Levy, a smoke inspector, treasurer, and Phil F. Durnin, smoke inspector, a trustee.

Hartman and Durnin today denied signing the charter application, stating their names were used without their knowledge or consent. Levy stated he signed the application without examining it for a man whose name he does not recall. He said he has never been to the place.

Three detectives reported to Chief Clerk that they were met by Elmer Kiel, son of former Mayor Kiel, head of the Police Board, who prevented them from searching the premises, explaining, "Our attorney has advised us not to let the police in any more."

**KILLS MAN, WOUNDS EX-WIFE, ENDS LIFE AT CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Atwood (Kan.) Farmer Blamed Victim for Troubles That Led to Divorce.

By the Associated Press.

ATWOOD, Kan., Dec. 24.—James Kiel, 35-year-old farmer, shot and killed John Davis, 37, a neighbor, wounded Mrs. Stringer, his divorced wife, then committed suicide at a Christmas party at a rural schoolhouse near here last night.

Friends of Stringer said he blamed Davis for the marital troubles which led to his divorce last June.

Mrs. Stringer was wounded in the arm. She has four children; Davis, a widower, is survived by three children.

### EX-HEAD OF LOS ANGELES BANK IS CONVICTED ON 17 COUNTS

Thomas A. Morrissey Found Guilty of Misappropriation of \$528,000; Four Others Acquitted.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Thomas A. Morrissey, former president of the Pacific National Bank, was convicted on 17 counts of misappropriation of \$528,000 of bank funds by a jury in Federal Court yesterday.

Four other bank officers, jointly charged with Morrissey, were acquitted. Judge Harry Holzer set the date of sentence for Jan. 11.

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## U.S. ASKS JAPAN TO STOP DRIVE IN CHINCHOW REGION

### Ambassador Forbes Hands Stimson's Memorandum of Apprehension to New Premier at Tokio.

By the Associated Press.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The United States Government went on record here today as indicating renewed concern regarding the movements of Japanese troops in the Chinchow area of Manchuria.

American Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes personally delivered to Premier Inukai a memorandum from Secretary of State Stimson. It followed closely similar communications from Paris and London, which the Foreign Office preferred to call "expressions of apprehension" rather than warnings.

Forbes conferred with the new Premier for 40 minutes and read Stimson's memorandum to him through an interpreter. It is understood to have referred to treaties in general but did not specifically mention the Nine-Power Pact.

### Peace Resolution Cited.

Stimson, it is understood, also called attention to the statement he made in support of the League Council's resolution of Dec. 10. The French and British communications likewise cited the League's peace document.

The Japanese reply to the French and British notes, a Rengo agency report says, will stress the claim that there is little difference between "regular" and "irregular" troops.

A formal reply probably will be sent to Washington, Paris and London Saturday and in it Premier Inukai will emphasize Japan's military operations are not necessarily aimed at Chinchow but have as their primary object the clearing of the area of disturbing elements.

The Foreign informed Ambassador Forbes personally that one of Japan's difficulties is to distinguish bandits from regular Chinese troops and that therefore the Chinese should withdraw south of the Great Wall in order to avoid a clash.

### Minimizes Reports to World.

A Foreign Office spokesman expressed the opinion that the three capitals perhaps placed too much confidence in press reports and also reports of neutral observers at Chinchow whose communications, he said, have been based on the situation in that immediate region while the observers had little or no knowledge of basic activities.

"We have absolute proof," he said, "that many so-called bandits are nothing more nor less than Marshal Chang Hauch-Liang's regulars disguised as brigands and creating disturbances to place Japan in an awkward position—egging us on, as it were, with full knowledge neutral observers are staying at Chinchow while Washington and other Powers show much concern."

The Government has shifted its warships from place to place in China is interpreted as a demonstration to induce Marshal Chang to take his troops to Chinchow. According to their new assignments, several vessels will be stationed within a few hours' striking distance of Shantungwan as potential assistance to a small body of Japanese troops stationed near the

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### B. H. STERLING ENDS LIFE; EX-MAYOR OF NEW ATHENS

Leaves Note in Which He Refers to Serious Illness of a Son

B. H. Sterling, 64 years old, former Mayor of New Athens, Ill., ended his life last night by shoot-

ing himself in the head with a pistol. A Coroner's verdict of suicide was returned.

Sterling, who was in the ice and

seated at a desk in the office he maintained in his home, left a note in which he referred to the serious illness of a son who is in

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Six thousand well-filled baskets containing chickens and everything else needed for tomorrow's dinner were distributed today. A fleet of trucks transported the baskets to the families most in need.

Tonight 1100 homeless men in city institutions will be supplied with pipes and tobacco. Tomorrow morning the presentation of gifts and celebration around a monster Christmas tree will be held in the Coliseum.

**Salvation Army distribution.**  
The Salvation Army distributed its allotment of baskets this morning at a Christmas program in the Armory at Grand boulevard and Market street.

Sixty-one baskets were sent to the employees of the First National Bank for distribution on their way home from work to families found destitute by Christmas Festival investigators.

In order to pay for these baskets, the bank employees raised a fund of \$122, in addition to its list contributions.

Donations to the fund received yesterday brought the total amount in hand to \$12,631.46. This will go to the bill of the Christmas Festival but it is expected that money received today and after Christmas will be enough to make the Festival, as it has been in the past, a voluntary act of Christmas hospitality.

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## ALL IN READINESS FOR 1931 FESTIVAL OF POST-DISPATCH

2d Annual Party for Children Tomorrow to Be Preceded by Basket Distribution to 6000.

800 ON PROGRAM AT THE COLISEUM

Entertainment Includes Dances and Feats of Skill—Contributions to Fund to Date \$12,631.

Thanks to the generosity of many thousands of cheerful givers in and about St. Louis, Christmas hospitality will be extended today and tomorrow to the homes of destitute families.

The occasion will be the thirty-second Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival made possible by a fund contributed by those who are sharing what they have with those otherwise would have nothing.

Six thousand well-filled baskets containing chickens and everything else needed for tomorrow's dinner were distributed today. A fleet of trucks transported the baskets to the families most in need.

Tonight 1100 homeless men in institutions will be supplied with pipes and tobacco. Tomorrow morning the presentation of gifts and celebration around a monster Christmas tree will be held in the Coliseum.

Salvation Army Distribution.

The Salvation Army distributed its allotment of baskets this morning at a Christmas program in the Armory at Grand Boulevard and Market street.

Sixty-one baskets were sent to the employees of the First National Bank for distribution on their way home from work to families found justly by Christmas Festival volunteers.

In order to pay for these baskets, the bank employees paid a fund of \$122, in addition to its list contributions.

Donations to the fund received yesterday brought the total amount to \$12,631.48. This will pay the bills of the Christmas Festival but it is expected that money received today and after Christmas will be enough to make the Festival, as it has been in the past, a voluntarily act of Christmas generosity.

The entertainment provided by

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Plans

THE thirty-second annual Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival will be held tomorrow morning in the Coliseum. More than 10,000 of the neediest children in St. Louis will be entertained with a generous treat and Christmas celebration about a gigantic tree.

The doors will be opened at 9 o'clock. Music will commence at 9:30. Doors will be closed at 10 o'clock when the performance starts. All committee members are to be on hand at 7:30 o'clock.

Owing to the limited seating space in the Coliseum, only children holding tickets will be admitted.

Special entrances will be as follows: Committee members and guests, north door on Jefferson Avenue; crippled children, south door on Jefferson Avenue.

Admission tickets distributed yesterday afternoon also are good for transportation to and from the Coliseum.

The Post-Dispatch and the Christmas Festival Executive Committee take this opportunity to thank the many thousands whose donations have made this act of hospitality possible and to wish them the merriest of Christmases.

children of St. Louis' four Municipal Community Centers for the little guests of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival will take a different trend this year. Instead of a playlet or pantomime such as has been given in former years the entertainment will be a series of dances and feats of skill, designed to appeal to children.

The program will consist of two parts, the first of which depicts the floral embellishments peculiar to Christmas along. The 500 children participating in "The Dancers of Snow" and "Poinsettia Ballet" will form at the conclusion of their dances an enormous holly wreath, on which the poinsettia group will be a beautiful red bow, with long flowing streamers.

Following this will be "A Silverse Dance" by Negro children of Tandy and Gamble Playgrounds. A group of gymnasts from Sherman Center's advanced gymnasium class will give an exhibition of club swining.

Jumping Jack's Adventures.

A group of dances will portray the misfortunes of a little jumping jack, who with his fellow toys in an acrobatic drill of remarkable agility end up in jail, to win the day with the gay flirtation of French doll. She disdains his efforts to win her heart, and attracts perhaps by his gay uniform, goes to the stanch Tin Soldier.

Santa then takes from his huge sack, which more than fills the silver sled on which he will arrive at the Coliseum, the dainty Little Harlequin and Columbine dolls who will dance.

After a dance by some boys of Mullanphy Community Center tap class, a dance of "Merry Christmas" in which the Community Center little children offer the season's greetings to their friends in the audience, concludes the performance. Eight hundred children will take part in the performance.

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A Rough Voyage.

FOR the second time since their revival in 1896, the Olympic Games will be held in this country. Los Angeles was the fortunate city to get the award of the 1932 meet—and when we say "fortunate" we have to stop and consider whether Los Angeles is lucky or unlucky.

At this writing the event would appear to be a major handicap. The nations of the world are pretty well cracked up financially and the chance that representative teams will be sent to compete in this country is slight unless the promoters can guarantee the foreign teams' expenses.

That, of course, is impossible. It is just too bad that the return of the Olympics to this continent had to find the world in such a desperate economic distress. Los Angeles has prepared the most wonderful system of handling visiting athletes and conducting the games that has ever been devised. But it does seem that only a limited representation of foreign teams can be looked for.

European teams will be much better represented than any European nation, although it is assured that a few standout athletes of the continent will be sent, even if full strength teams are not able to appear.

## No National Olympic Title.

THE conditions under which the Olympic championships are held today make for a minimum representation. Under the rules that have been in operation for the past two or three Olympics, no nation but only individuals can win an Olympic championship.

For instance: The winner of the 100-yard dash is himself an Olympic champion. His points are not added together with the points of the other winners, seconds and third place men to make a national total. Only firsts count and the winner of each event is an Olympic title holder. There is no award to and no recognition of the nation that wins a majority of firsts in the Olympic track and field meet.

That being the case the chances are that a small but select delegation from foreign countries is all that can be looked for. America, as usual, will have to supply most of the money and the men.

## We Can Be Beaten.

ALTHOUGH the rules may allow any official national championship it has been the practice both here and in Europe to figure out which country won the most firsts and to claim the track and field championship on that basis.

If seconds and thirds are not counted a victory in the track and field games on the basis of firsts would not be any sure thing for the United States. As a matter of fact several years ago Finland crowded us so hard that we had to fall back on the secondary points to claim the title.

Some national nations have outstanding individual athletes who are almost sure to win. At the last Olympic Games, America won only one running event—that was when Barbutti scored in the 440-yard dash. Still we outscored the entire world in firsts. This year it is unlikely that Europe will be able to outdo us in any running events shorter than the mile run, which I believe France seems to have wrapped up. The field events were always easy for us and will be again.

## No Safety in Numbers.

AT LEAST, there's no safety in numbers. Those of us who can hark back to the previous games will recall the first year of the Olympic Games held in Athens in 1896. On that occasion some eight young men, composed of athletes from Princeton University and Boston Athletic Club, made up the American Olympic team. Against the entries of all the world this little band scored a victory in a majority of events and really won the unofficial title, on the number of firsts won.

Then, as now, there was no national championship and each individual was the "Olympic Champion" in the event at which he competed.

And it is a matter of history that the four years following the 1896 games went down into history as the "Tom Burke Olympiad," because the stade race was won by Burke of the Boston Athletic Association. It was an old Olympic custom to name the next Olympiad after the winner of the stade race.

## SIX MEN IN LINE FOR

IOWA COACHING JOB

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 24.—Iowa's search for a new football coach to succeed Bert Ingwersen apparently has narrowed down to six candidates although about 25 applications have been received.

Dr. E. H. Lauer, director of athletics, said he hoped to name Ingwersen's successor by Feb. 1 and that he planned to interview six leading candidates in New York City.

## FORWARD PASSES FEATURE TULANE'S WORKOUT FOR COAST GAME

DON ZIMMERMAN  
PROVES STAR IN  
PRACTICE; FOUR  
TROJANS AILING

Rockne's Death  
Voted Biggest  
Story of 1931

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—IT HAS been nine months since that last day of March, 1931, when a transport passenger plane crashed near Bassett, Kan., with Knute Rockne among its victims, but this stunning tragedy still is regarded widely as the nation's sports experts as their biggest news story of the year.

In the Associated Press national poll of sports editors and writers on the salient features of the athletic year, 96 out of 111 named the death of Rockne as the biggest sports news story and the most far-reaching in its effect, of any development of 1931.

Points of Knute Rockne  
96  
Burke's victory in U. S.  
open golf championship  
7  
St. Louis' first victory  
in the Notre Dame  
4  
Lester's exploits in world  
series  
Schwartz's heavyweight  
championship fight  
3  
Hawthorne Trophy  
3  
Hawks' record  
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By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—

94 favoring the University of Southern California in its New Year's day game against Tulane at Pasadena tended to shrink today as the unbeaten green wave, completing pre-game work at Tournament Park, Pasadena, gave observers some indication of its strength. This was despite pessimistic statements from Coach Bernie Bernier, who has shown a willingness to say for publication that its green wave probably will be beaten several touchdowns.

The shift of sentiment was natural after a glimpse of the 35绿色ies who hustled through their first workout at Tournament Park, Pasadena. The squad looked every bit the Southern Conference champion it is.

**Passes Feature Workout.**

Those who saw Vernon Haynes and catching passes from Don Zimmerman as impressively as Sam Jerry, Dalrymple, right end and all-American, were set to wondering what this trio might do in Troy's defense against long passes.

The Tulane line is not lacking in height, and while lighter than the green forwards, there is much weight available at the tackles and ends where it is needed. And Southern followers insist the reserve strength is better than ever before in the New Orleans institution.

Coach Bernier held an open practice yesterday and opened up with nothing. The team went through customary exercises, including passing, kicking, tackling, carrying and blocking. The backs and ends worked together on some plays but that constituted about all of the organized effort.

Spectators were impressed by the size and agility of John Scadie, 180-pounder who is five feet tall and one-half inches tall and almost as wide. They expected him to run from Zimmerman and were not disappointed.

**Both Elevens to Practice.**

Coach Bernier said he would let his squad through another workout today, a secret one if possible, in which further defense against Trojan players would be effected. The Greenies will have a Christmas celebration of their own after the game.

The Carrafa brothers, Ralph and George, are the stars of the forward line. Local fans well remember these players. On numerous occasions the two have refused offers to play with Eastern elevens. William McNamee, outside right, another star of the front line, was one of the halfbacks, playing on the club with Frank Vaughan and Raphael Tracy, St. Louis star. But with the Slavias, Bookie was unable to gain a regular position.

Coach Howard Jones of U. S. C. planned a semi-workout for working in defense against the modified shift as used by Tu-

ane. Yesterday's practice, at Boarded Field, had two players missing: Tom Mallory and Larry Stevens, regulars at half and guard, were out with bad colds. Orville Mohler, halfback, and Ernie Smith, first string tackle, were in suits, but still suffering from colds.

Coach Howard Jones has indicated he is quite worried over the present condition of his team. Both teams will rest Christmas day.

**Eastern Eleven Favored.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Fourteen players who will meet here New Year's day in the annual New Year East-West game, today conducted a practice touch with Santa Claus to see if they could have a dry, clear weather. Particular gridiron stars, their practice schedule disrupted by a day of a downpour of rain during most of the daylight hours, hoped for a break in the storm that would allow them to develop the attacks they will employ in their quest for the losers.

**BARRY SIGNS FOR BOUT AT SOUTH BROADWAY**

Day Barry, one of the city's favorite boxers, has signed to box on a card at the South Broadway, Dec. 26, being promoted by Art Bode, Ed Bandy's understudy as manager for the Fred W. Stockman Fox of the American Legion.

Barry has won 11 fights in St. Louis in recent months, six of them by knockouts.

Totals: Officials—Feneaga, Coover, Jordan.



## Will Play Against St. Louis Soccer Elevens



Ben Millers, Leaders in Pro  
Soccer League, Meet Slavias  
In Contest Here, Tomorrow

By Herman Wecke.

Soccer as played by clubs in the St. Louis Soccer League will be put to a test for three days, starting tomorrow, when the Ben Millers, leaders in the local circuit, play the Slavias of Cleveland in the first of an exhibition series. Saturday, the second-place St. Louis will face the Clevelanders, and the all-star aggregation will furnish the opposition for the Slavias, Sunday. Starting time each day is 2:45 o'clock.

The Snipes of the Muny League and United A. C. of East St. Louis will play a preliminary tomorrow, starting at 1:30 o'clock.

Except in the match with the Stix, the battles will feature the long passing and speed of the St. Louisans, as against the short passes used by the Slavias, an element which employs the foreign style of play. Battling the Stix, the club will be opposed to an eleven, which uses short passes effectively.

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Then the fireworks began and ended with Miss Uebel intercepting a Crystal City pass in the last 30 seconds of play and dribbled in for a goal, which the Stix converted.

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# SOVIET ECONOMIC POWER GROWING, SAYS PLAN HEAD

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## RUSSIAN GOLD SUPPLY INCREASES

**Heavy Export of Metal Is More Than Offset by Production From Mines of the Nation.**

By the Associated Press.  
MOSCOW, Russia, Dec. 24.—Capitalist countries are "choking in the clutches of the crisis" while Soviet Russia incessantly grows in economic strength, V. V. Kubayshov, chairman of the State Planning Commission, said yesterday in a speech before the Union Central executive committee.

"We are fulfilling the five-year plan in four years is a fact of world history," he said. "We will continue workers and peasants throughout the world that the way followed by the toilers of the Soviet Union is the only way out of poverty and unemployment," he said.

Kubayshov asserted that the first year of the five-year plan exceeded expectations by 2 per cent. Next year, he said, the collectivization of agriculture will be essentially completed, production will increase enormously and the position of the workers and peasants improved.

It was said that the Government proposed next year to produce 90,000,000 tons of coal, 9,000,000 tons each of iron and steel, 82,000 tractors, 73,000 motor cars, 1,200 railway locomotives and 50,000 railway cars. The total capital invested in industry, he said, will be 10,700,000,000 (about \$5,350,000,000).

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The importance of marshaling its gold resources is not being overlooked. Figures on annual production of gold are kept secret, but mining specialists from the United States and Great Britain who have been here for several years say the sum total hardly has been scratched.

Interest in adoption of foreign methods and equipment, particularly those of America, is preparing the way for development of production on a comprehensive scale. M. Sreibrikoff, director of the Ferrous Metals and Gold Trust, who has just completed a tour of Russia's gold regions, is a great stress on the use of modern equipment, particularly electrification, which he says is responsible for rapid strides in the industry.

### Liner Collides With Barge

Cherokee Narrowly Avoids Ramming Hamburg in New York Harbor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Clyde liner Cherokee, with 51 passengers for Charleston and Jacksonville, collided with a barge in the North River today after narrowly averting a collision with the Hamburg-American liner Hamburg. The Hamburg was coming into its dock at 12:30 p.m. when the Cherokee started its journey to Southern ports. When collision of the two passenger ships seemed unavoidable, the Hamburg reversed engines at full speed and swung to starboard. The Cherokee missed the Hamburg but smashed into the barge. It returned to its pier at Broad street to determine the damage.

### Rivers' Stages at Other Cities.

Pittsburg, 14.6 feet, a rise of 1.5; Cincinnati 23.6 feet, a fall of 4.9; Louisville 27.3 feet, a fall of 2.1; Cairo, 37 feet, a fall of 0.9; Memphis 29 feet, a rise of 0.2; Vicksburg 3.9 feet, a rise of 1.4; New Orleans 7 feet, a rise of 0.5.

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PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 24.—Ira Pitts, 51 years old, shot and killed himself early today in the presence of his daughter a few moments before his wife, Edna, 41, was found fatally wounded in their bedroom.

Members of the family said Pitts and his wife had quarreled violently last night. He accused her of friendship with another man. Mrs. Pitts was shot through the right eye and died five hours later in a hospital. Their two children, Wayne, 15, and Mrs. Beulah Myers, 17, and a friend, John Wright of Parsons, were in the house when the shooting occurred. They were Ralph Barnes Jr., 7 years old; Frank Sampson, 6, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnes.

The boys were playing on the ice when they broke through. Barnes and his wife, attracted by their cries, ran to the edge of the narrow stream. Barnes started to work his way out over the ice to the hole where the boys had gone down. The ice broke and plunged him into the water. His wife then tried to reach him and the ice again broke.

### PROFITS OF PLANT BUY PARK.

Malden, Mo., Gets Playground From City Electric System.

MALDEN, Mo., Dec. 24.—Shrubs are being planted on the Municipal Park and Playground, purchased by the City Council out of the profits of the municipal electric light and power plant.

The park and playground, occupying a three-acre tract in the southern part of the city, will have recreational facilities for smaller children as well as baseball diamonds and tennis courts.

### BRIGHT METEORS SEEN IN EAST

Reports of Display Received From Several New England Points.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—The sight of unusually bright meteors was reported last night from several New England points.

Observers at the Harvard College Observatory and at Medford saw them passing across the southeastern sky at about the same time, between 8 and 9 p.m.

The pair forced Cashier Clarence Schnabel and a customer, H. A. Adams, into a vault, and a drugstore clerk, Krelinski, keeping the bank at the time of the holdup, was made to stand on the floor.

C. C. Myers, assistant cashier, who had gone to lunch, was summoned and released the cashier and the customer from the vault.

### FOR TRANS-ANDEAN RAILROAD

Chilean President Ends 20-Year Discussion About Project.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—President Juan Esteban Montero has signed a decree authorizing construction of an International trans-Andean railroad from Antofagasta, Chile, to Salta, Argentina. This action cleared up a 20-year-old discussion during which the Chilean Government several times decided in favor of the project and then changed its mind.

The Chilean Government advocated going ahead with the work to aid employment and to give the Northern new trade connections. The Government hopes that all Northern Argentine products will be sent over the new line for shipment from Antofagasta to points throughout the world. A copy of the decree will be sent to Buenos Aires where the Chilean Government expects, Argentina will approve building its share of the line.

### MISSING BABY Returned.

HOHART, Ind., Dec. 24.—David, four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark, is home again after a brief mysterious disappearance. When Police came looking for him, he was unconscious and the baby missing. Early today a policeman returned with the baby. Where the child was recovered was not made known.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Three armed men escaped with \$8000 they took from an open safe in a branch office of the Prudential Insurance Company on Broadway near 29th street this morning. They lined up a bookkeeper, cashier and about 50 collectors against the wall.

### 20,000 Tax Refund By U. S.

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While bankers were inclined to express satisfaction over the Young Plan Committee report on reparations, Wall Street felt that it did not bring the problem near enough to solution to justify bidding up security prices. Stocks had a period of firmness early in the session, but later lost their gains.

Westinghouse was a soft spot, off a point to a new low at 25. Allied Chemical, Auburn, Consolidated Gas, Coca Cola and Santa Fe also sold off about a point. Changes in such issues as U. S. Steel, American Telephone, American General Motors and General Electric were negligible.

#### Markets Drift.

Prominent bankers who informedly discussed the Young Plan Committee's report were hopeful that it would provide the groundwork for a new and workable settlement of the international debt problem, and felt that no time could be lost in convening an international conference to act upon the matter. Removal of the element of uncertainty as to what to be done, they felt, would greatly brighten the prospect of economic recovery.

The Bank of England's weekly statement attracted attention in that it showed a substantial drop in the ratio of reserves to liabilities. Reserves declined to 20.9 per cent, a new low for recent years, from 26.6 per cent a week previously. Reserves, however, have been much better maintained than they were during the post-war deflation. The ratio dropped close to 8 per cent in 1931.

The financial markets generally were permitted to drift, as traders had no heart for ambitious maneuvers in advance of a three-day shutdown. The holiday period is usually one of comparative quiet in the security markets.

The weekly mercantile reviews provided a little cheer in their descriptions of the volume of holiday trade. Bradstreet said the aggregate appeared to have surpassed expectations. White dollar value is well under a year ago, more than half of 55 leading cities reported a tonnage movement equal to or in excess of last year.

#### Commodities Higher.

Leading commodities were inclined to work a little higher. Wheat futures closed up 1/2 to 7/8 of a cent, reflecting smaller Argentine exports, and somewhat bullish weather advices. Corn closed 1/2 to 3/4 of a cent higher, and cotton gained 55 to 75 cents a bale.

Foreign exchanges generally stiffened, possibly reflecting the demand for foreign currencies to make holiday transfers. Sterling cables ruled 2 cents higher at \$3.43 3/4. The French franc was also firm. The Canadian dollar, however, slipped back about 1/2 cent.

#### FOREIGN MARKETS AT A GLANCE

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The stock exchange was generally pleased with the Basel report raising hopes of an early international conference to unravel European finances. The effect of the report, however, was only visible in a slight hardening in gilt-edged securities. The attendance was very thin and business was reduced to the minimum. The closing was quiet.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The bourse opened undecisive, but a better tone developed, restoring quotations, the base report apparently having a favorable effect. Transactions were comparatively few, with the closing steady.

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Andrew Stewart, F. J. Humphrey, William Ferguson and Philip M. Hayes partners in Kissel, Kinnickut & Co., will be partners in the merged firm. A substantial part of the Kissel, Kinnickut & Co., organization, it was stated, will be associated with Kidder, Peabody & Co., which will have its principal offices in New York and Boston.

# TODAY'S NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(COMPLETE)  
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Store Closed  
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# FAMOUS-BARR CO.'S

# After-Christmas Apparel Sales

START SATURDAY AT 9 A.M.

It's the Buying Signal for Thousands Who Await the Super-Savings in This Traditional Event!

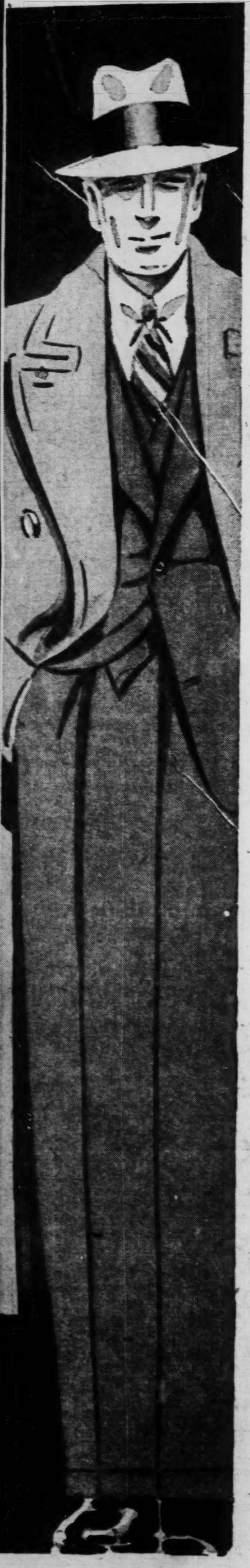
## MEN'S CLOTHING

### TWO-TROUSER SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Radical Reductions in Prices, Affording Wise Investments for Christmas Money and Gift Certificates... In Groups—

AT \$27

A Saving That Is Attention-Compelling!



An offering that outshines by far the value presented in this price range a year ago! At their original price, hundreds of these Suits and Overcoats were unquestionably among the season's foremost offerings. In addition, hundreds of newcomers have been added at a comparable saving. Currently popular styles, fabrics and shades.

AT \$33

An Incomparable Group... Originally \$40 and \$44

To measure your saving by simply subtracting this special sale price from the former price wouldn't do this offering justice. You'll have to search price ranges measurably above \$40 and \$44 to find the equal of these garments! The painstaking tailoring and their all-around excellency in fabrics and variety attest to that.

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Value opportunists, with an alert eye for abnormal saving, will be among the 9 A.M. arrivals. Take our word for it, there's a value revelation in store for you. Single and double breasted models in Suits and Overcoats. As for new styles, shades and variety of fabrics... they are marked value in every sense of the word.

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SOCIETY BRAND  
GOODMAN & SUSS  
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SUITS

LESS 25%  
On Ranges \$45 to \$65

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Society Brand, Burberry,  
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LESS 20%  
On Ranges \$45 to \$100

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LESS 20%  
On Topcoats \$30 to \$65  
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Second Floor

\$8 to \$14  
Values at ... \$5

## Lily of France Samples

Offered at Remarkable Savings in  
An Event Beginning Saturday

\$15 to \$20  
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Exquisite Duosettes, Elastic Step-Ins and Girdles, all the most recent models with elastic strategically placed to confine the hips. Beautifully made. Not all sizes in every style.

#### Sample Imports

\$22.50 to  
\$30 Models

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A limited number of imported Combinations and Step-Ins... also Bien Jolie, Poirette and Bonita garments.

Beautiful fabrics  
and workmanship!  
Not all sizes.

Correct Section—Fifth Floor



## New Frocks

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SIZES

\$16.75

Specially Priced!  
Daytime Styles! Evening Types!

\$25

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\$7.85

\$10 and \$12.75 Values!  
Scores of Styles!

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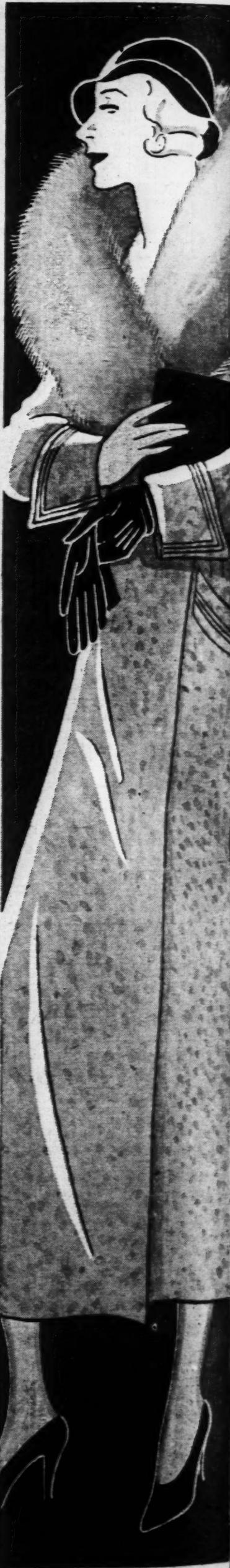
Very Special!  
Stunning Daytime Styles!  
Misses' Sizes Only!

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\$12.75 Value  
Sizes 38½ to 52½

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Five members of the thirty cut down the great cedar tree to right: Oscar B. Fischer

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WHY THE PRESIDENT WASN'T AT HOME LAST TUESDAY



Snapshot of Mr. Hoover in a Washington department store looking for toys for his two grandchildren, who, with their parents, recently arrived from California to spend the holidays in the national capital.



DWIGHT DAVIS  
GUEST OF  
THE CITY CLUB

St. Louisian, home for a vacation from his duties as Governor-General of the Philippines, entertained at Christmas party. Left to right, Dan F. Hyland, president of City Club; Mr. Davis and Paul S. Bliss.  
—By a Post-Dispatch staff photographer

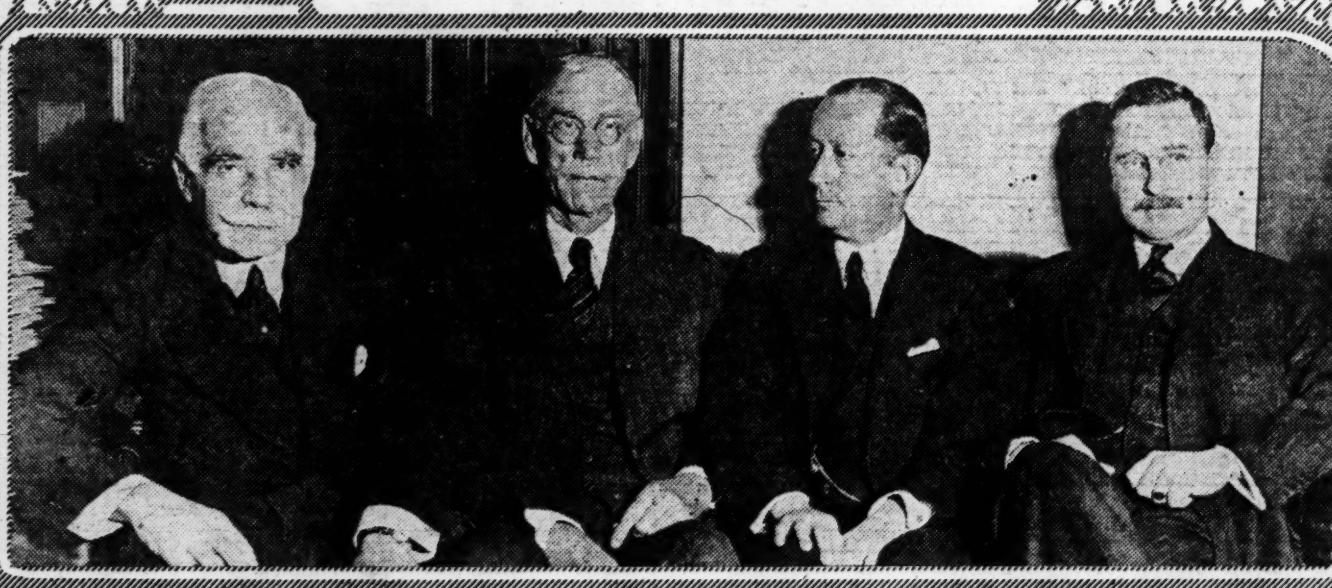
PUBLISHER'S DAUGHTER WEDS



CHINA'S "BOY EMPEROR"



Henry Pu-Yi rarely is seen in public, but on Nov. 27 last he emerged from the Japanese concession offices in Tientsin to greet British officers.



Otto H. Kahn, a partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York; Chairman Smoot of the Senate Finance Committee, Clarence Dillon, of Dillon, Read & Co., and W. W. Aldrich of the Chase National Bank of New York, photographed in Washington, where an investigation has been held concerning sales of foreign securities in the United States.

GAVE  
CITIZENSHIP  
TO OWN  
MOTHER

U. S. District Judge Gunnar B. Nordbye of Minneapolis and his mother just after her final citizenship papers had been signed. She was born in Norway.

MUSSOLINI'S BROTHER



Miss Alicia Patterson, whose father is Joseph M. Patterson of the New York Daily News, and Joseph W. Brooks, New York investment broker, were married in New York yesterday. She is an accomplished airplane pilot.

AFTER NEW LAURELS



PICKING OUT  
TREE FOR  
CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION



Five members of the thirty-second annual Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival executive committee at Dittmer, Mo., to cut down the great cedar tree which, when decorated, will delight needy children at the Coliseum tomorrow. Left to right: Oscar B. Fischer, George S. Johns, A. M. Roth, Fred W. Pape and Nelson Cunliff.

CHRISTMAS SLED BRINGS TRAGEDY



Mrs. Martha Ergang, 66-year-old cripple, who witnessed from her cabin door the drowning of her son, daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren in a small lake near Muskegon, Mich., when seven-year-old Orville Oman tried out his Christmas sled on lightly frozen lake. The child on lap is sole survivor of family.

Miss Helen Hicks, internationally known woman golfer, is no amateur when it comes to trap shooting. She was one of those making high score at recent invitation shoot at the Lido Country Club, Long Beach, Long Island.



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Brief articles prepared by experts. Edited by Dr. Jago Goldstein, for the New York Academy of Medicine.

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"When we reflect, therefore, on the powerful influence that animal emotions exercise over the actions of the heart, on the changes affected, in this respect, by anger, hatred and revenge—by love, joy or sorrow—by avarice and ambition; when we credit our former assertion, that functional derangement will terminate in organic disease, and that this functional derangement is daily and hourly produced by the activity of these feelings; then we are bound to believe that disorders of the circulation and the heart have increased in late years, and will still increase in proportion as the nervous system is affected by the more frequent and ardent operation of the passions."

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now Popeye in his wildest, best adventures.

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JAPAN TO STAND FIRM IN REPLIES TO GREAT BRITAIN, U.S. AND FRANCE

Notes, to Be Delivered Tomorrow, Will Say That Tokio Cannot Yield so Long as Nationals Are Threatened in Manchuria.

"HOPE OF AVOIDING CLASH AT CHINCHOW"

Militarists Resent "Outside Interference" in Dispute  
—Chinese Provisional Government Sends New Protests to the League.

By the Associated Press  
NANKING, Dec. 26.—The Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chinese Provisional Government, again concerned over Japanese activity in Manchuria, sent a telegram to the League of Nations today urging that pressure be brought to bear on Japan to refrain from military operations against Chinchow.

By the Associated Press  
TOKIO, Dec. 26.—Japan's reply to the latest diplomatic communications concerning Chinchow, accompanied by long statement of its position in Manchuria, will be delivered tomorrow to the Ambassadors of the United States, Great Britain and France.

In view of the fact that Secretary of State Stimson is understood to have frankly expressed apprehension regarding bandit-hunting activities in that area, it is said authoritatively that the Japanese Government also will be quite frank in its answer, approved by Premier Inukai and Minister of War Araki.

It is understood the statement makes the point that Japan is making every effort to avoid hostilities at Chinchow and still has hopes that the lawless elements will be removed by some means other than force.

Anticipates Anxiety Shown.  
It emphasizes the importance of Japan's maintaining peace and order in Manchuria, but tells the three Powers in polite terms that Japan makes no promises to alter its stand in Manchuria so long as Japanese lives and property continue to be menaced by outlaws, although appreciating the anxiety registered.

Indignation was aroused in military circles by the latest representations of the United States, Great Britain and France. The Foreign Office is said, deplored the expressions of apprehension on the ground that they tend to aggravate the situation rather than help solve it.

The expressions of apprehension by the three Powers were brought forth by reports that Japan intended to seize Chinchow, and one of the chief points of the replies will be to the effect that they were based on a misconception of the actual position.

Military attaches acting as observers for the foreign Powers in Chinchow, it is contended, were aware only of conditions in the immediate vicinity of that city, and along the line of the South Manchurian Railway, where irregulars, disguised as regular soldiers, are declared by the Japanese to have proved a constant source of trouble.

Cites Shakeup in China.  
The replies are expected to stress the point that, since the Manchurian outbreak in which the Japanese army has been obliged repeatedly to exercise the right of self-defense, the Chinese administrative machinery has ceased entirely to function and consequently the situation requires that the Japanese Government itself take action against banditry. Under no circumstances, the replies will say, will the army overstep the scope of measures unavoidable for self-defense.

The press declares that in military circles the representations are regarded as an unwarranted attempt at interference. Several meetings of citizens were held in Tokio yesterday to consider the latest representations of the Powers, and resolutions were passed protesting against "outside interference in Manchurian affairs." Copies of the resolutions were to be presented to the Premier and War Minister.

A war office communiqué says the Chinese at Chinchow have completed defense lines west of the Taling River, in the region of Tushan, and at other places. Ching-Huang's troops number \$4,000, including irregulars, all well supplied with ammunition, the communiqué says.

Since Monday, it adds, 3,000 Chinese have driven off Kalgan.

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